



Press Release

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Mayor Opens New Mental Health Ward at Kewstoke Hospital

The team at Cygnet Hospital Kewstoke were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare to officially open Haywood Ward, the hospital's new acute service for men.

Haywood Ward will provide a safe and stabilising environment for individuals who are experiencing an acute episode of mental illness and require an emergency admission. The hospital, on Beach Road, is run by Cygnet Health Care, which provides services to individuals with mental health needs, learning disabilities and autism.

Cllr Sonia Russe, the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare, was the special guest at the official opening and did the honours cutting the ribbon to open the ward.

Joshua Tapp, Manager at Cygnet Hospital Kewstoke, explained that the ethos of the service is about assessing and treating service users in the least restrictive environment and planning for discharge in a robust and timely fashion.

He added: *"With a focus on stabilisation, the Haywood Ward team will support service users to manage their mental health, reinforce daily living skills and prepare for independent life back in the community.*

"The team will work closely and collaboratively with service users, their families and referrers to provide a seamless pathway from referral to discharge. The approach is recovery focused and supported by a comprehensive multi-disciplinary team, contributing to shorter lengths of stay.

"The Management and staff here at Cygnet Hospital Kewstoke would like to thank the Mayor of Weston-super-Mare for officially opening our new male acute ward.

"Haywood Ward will provide much needed care for the rising number of men in need of mental health support. At Cygnet we are committed to working in partnership with the NHS to help meet those needs."

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About Cygnet Health Care

Cygnet Health Care has been providing a national network of high-quality, specialised mental health services for the NHS and local authorities for the past 30 years.

Cygnnet Health Care's pioneering services support people with complex and acute mental health needs across the UK.

As one of the best quality providers in mental health services in the country, Cygnnet Health Care's focus is always on the best outcomes for those who use or commission its services. 85% of Cygnnet's facilities are rated as good or outstanding, which is above the national average.

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